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For : ILLUMINATION DEVICE, IMAGE SENSOR HAVING THE
ILLUMINATION DEVICE, IMAGE READING APPARATUS
AND INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM USING THE
IMAGE SENSOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Kindly enter this Preliminary Amendment, which is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), as a submission under 37 CFR § 1.114. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to continued examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 5 of this paper.